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WELCOME!

Welcome to your Friends Church North Carolina Newsletter!
This is a monthly e-newsletter dedicated to keeping you up to date
on current events within FCNC.

We strive to highlight topics of interest such as announcements,
who/what we support, recent activities, upcoming events etc.

How can you help?

Let us know if you have information that falls into these categories
at an FCNC level. Email information, pictures or ideas to our Social
Media Coordinator,

Jenny Gullion at: jenny@friendschurchnc.org



Quotes by Quakers

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"WE NEED NO MASS FOR TO TEACH US, AND WE NEED NOT YOUR COMMON PRAYER, FOR THE SPIRIT THAT GAVE FORTH THE SCRIPTURES TEACHETH US HOW TO PRAY, SING, FAST AND TO GIVE THANKS. THE TRUE FAITH CHANGETH NOT, WHICH IS THE GIFT OF GOD, AND A MYSTERY HELD IN A PURE CONSCIENCE."

-ALEXANDER PARKER
(SEVENTEENTH CENTURY)

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A Word of Devotion:

DEVOTIONAL QUOTES

By: Various

The below quotes were taken
from a post published by
David K. Hobson
from Rocky Rivers Meeting

“Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?'
These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will be many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.”

- Henri Nouwen

“One thing that I do believe is that Jesus taught us to extend love and withhold judgment. I think the more we create opportunities for inter-visitation the more we are creating a Christ-like fellowship. When we come to know people on a personal level, we lose our stereotypical ideas and suspicions about them. We learn to love one another for who we are, how we behave and how we make others feel in our presence. When we develop a Friendship, what we think “those people” believe loses its importance.”

--Lisa Stewart (Friends United Meeting, United States)

“Thinking on this as I retire tonight...

Churches today are tragically split between those who stress conversion but have forgotten its goal, and those who emphasize Christian social action but have forgotten the necessity of conversion. Today's converts need their eyes opened to history as much as today's activists need their spirit opened to conversion. But first, both need to recover the original meaning of conversion to Jesus Christ and to his kingdom.”

~ Jim Wallis

"Has a separation ever caused more people to hear the Gospel? Ever enlarged the Church? Ever shown to the world more of the gentleness and meekness of Christ? Has a separation ever caused the world to exclaim, 'See how those Christians love one another?'"

- Jay Allen





Upcoming Events:

August 9 -10 2024

FCNC 7th Annual Sessions

August 30th 2024

USFW drawing competition deadline
(more info below)

September 13th 2024

Concord Friends Golf Tournament

DEADLINE for registration

September 5th, 2024

September 14th 2024

NC USFW Fall Gathering

DEADLINE for registration

September 1st, 2024

September 15th 2024

Singing For Shepherds
(more info below)

Date TBD

Online Young Adult Bible Study
(college age to under 40)

For a brief description [CLICK HERE:](#)

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

(see flyer below)

September 20-23, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

Kaleo Youth Workers Retreat

(See flyer below)

CHECK OUT THE NEXT
FEW PAGES FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT
THESE EVENTS

THE BOOK ROOM ONLINE

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out the
online bookstore on the
FCNC website. A great
resource for many friends
books! Online checkout is not
available yet, but hopefully
will be soon!!



If you have any announcements

Let us know at

jenny@friendschurchnc.org

Attention Committee Members

Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month

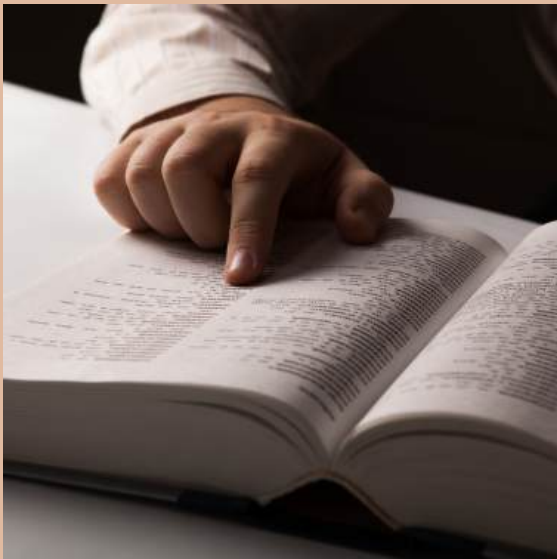
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Announcements:



REMINDER

Directory *still available!*



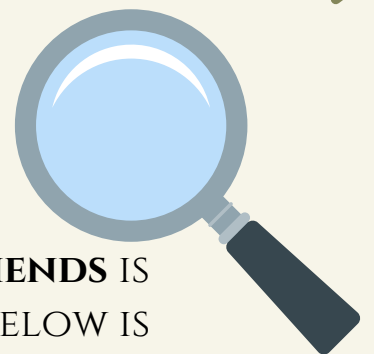
There was recently a possible data breach in our directory. Therefore the password has been changed. Please reach out to Paul Routh to learn how to regain access.

paul@friendschurchnc.org

[Log in HERE](#)

In Search of a Pastor & Youth Pastor for Centre Friends

WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL ANNOUNCING THAT **CENTRE FRIENDS** IS LOOKING FOR A FULL TIME PASTOR AND YOUTH PASTOR. BELOW IS A LINK TO THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS THAT WILL GIVE INTERESTED APPLICANTS A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT CENTRE IS LOOKING FOR. PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THIS AND REACH OUT TO THOSE THAT MAY QUALIFY, IF THE LORD SHOULD SO LEAD.



CLICK [HERE](#) TO VISIT FCNC WEBSITE TO READ THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION.

Youth Leader Position Opening



Concord Friends Meeting has an opening for a part time youth leader. [TAP HERE](#) to see more information on this position and to apply



IN SEARCH

of a full time Pastor
Science Hill Friends Meeting

2421 Lassiter Mill Road
Asheboro, NC 27205

In rural Randolph County, right off of New Highway 49
If you are interested in applying or visiting please contact
Tammy Garner @ 336-460-4421 or garnerseed@rtmc.net

Mailing address:
Science Hill Friends
c/o Tammy Garner
PO Box 1386
Asheboro, NC 27204



IN SEARCH

of a Pastor
Bethel Friends Meeting

2519 Bethel Church Road
Asheboro, NC. 27203

We are a small, but active meeting. Our average attendance for morning worship is between 35 and 40. Our USFW attendance is around 14 ladies for each of our monthly breakfast meetings. The USFW is very involved in community and mission projects. Our Quaker Men meet once a month for breakfast, fellowship and devotions.

Our meeting serves 1000+ people at our Pig Picking fundraisers in April and October each year. We also have various other activities that reach out into our community.
We want our pastor to participate in our meeting activities.

We want our pastor to lead us in studying God's word, reaching others for Christ and helping us to grow in our own walk with Christ. We want a pastor who will care for our meeting as we will care for them, with love, compassion and concern.

We want them to be a close part of our Bethel family.

For more information contact Sarah Cox Clerk of Ministry and Council
336-963-2710



IN SEARCH

of a full time Pastor
Centre Friends Meeting

325 HWY 62 E
Greensboro, NC

Centre Friends Meeting is searching for a full time Pastor. Check out the Pastor job description on their website.

<https://www.centrefriends.org>

Send resume to:
Centre Friends Meeting Ministry and Counsel
Attn: Julie Hatchel, Clerk
PO Box 632

Randleman, NC 27317
julle@asheborolawyer.com

New ADDRESSES

FCNC
P.O. Box 4240,
Archdale, NC 27263

It is also the new mailing address for NCYM INC. as well as to Judith Cranford

Treasurer NC USFW:
Alicia Sharp
908 Scottish Rite Dr.
Apt 219
Greensboro, NC 27407

Please send correspondence and NC USFW project donations here.



USFWI PRESENTS: A DRAWING COMPETITION FOR KIDS

DESIGN THE COVER FOR THE 2025-2026 *BLUEPRINTS* using the theme:

"Love in Many Languages"

based on
I Thessalonians 2:8

FOR 5-12
YEARS OLD
AND
13-18 YEARS
OLD

LET YOUR CREATIVITY BE SEEN THROUGH THIS COMPETITION !

One Grand Prize \$100

PRIZES FOR WINNERS IN BOTH AGE GROUPS

1ST PLACE
\$75

2ND PLACE
\$50

3RD PLACE
\$25

CONTEST RULES:

- ARTISTS MUST ATTEND A FRIENDS MEETING
- ARTWORK MUST BE 8 1/2" X 11"-- PORTRAIT ORIENTATION
- PENCIL OR BLACK INK (NO COLOR)
- ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PARTICIPANT
- OPTIONS FOR ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:
 - MAIL OR HAND DELIVER TO ANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
 - MAIL TO RITA MINTMIER, 6354 LEWIS DAVIS RD., RANDLEMAN, NC 27317 USA
 - Scan and email to rmintmier@yahoo.com

**ALL
ENTRIES
MUST BE
RECEIVED
BY
AUGUST
30, 2024**

Youth Workers Retreat

This fall Kaleo Academy, the Youth Ministry Department at Barclay College, and MidAmerica Yearly Meeting are partnering together to host the first-ever National Friends Youth Workers Retreat. This will be an opportunity for those who work with youth within the evangelically minded Friends Church to gather together for some training, encouragement, and rest. We will be gathering at the beautiful Quaker Ridge Camp in Colorado on Sept. 20-23, 2024 and we invite any youth workers in FCNC to join us!
The cost is \$250 plus travel expenses.
More information coming soon!

NATIONAL FRIENDS YOUTH WORKERS RETREAT

SEPT. 20-23, 2024
QUAKER RIDGE CAMP IN COLORADO
\$250 PER PERSON



Singing for Shepherds

Sunday, September 15, 2024
9am-6pm Eastern
6am-3pm Pacific

You're invited to a joyful, hopeful drop-in Zoom event. Participate as a whole meeting, as a Sunday school group, as a family, or as an individual Friend. You can come anytime and leave anytime. Appropriate for all ages!

During this day-long gathering, we'll focus on two missions among pastoralist people in Kenya: Samburu Friends Mission and Turkana Friends Mission. We'll hear stories about these missions, watch videos, and look at photographs. We'll sing hymns together, pray for the missions and the people, and have a little fun with trivia. We'll also set a goal for \$1000/month in new contributions to these missions.

Why monthly commitments rather than one-time donations? Because these two missions bear remarkable fruits. They create church communities, run schools, provide health care, give scholarships, and deliver emergency feeding interventions, and yet it's perpetually difficult to raise the necessary monthly funds to keep them going. We pray for the opportunity to change that as a global community. Every commitment will help, no matter how small.

All are welcome to participate in the event, and the hope is to have a Spirit-filled, brimming-with-love celebration of stories of faithfulness. If your meeting or church has Zoom capability, you can join all together during your social hour or religious education time or even for a half-hour period as part of your business meeting agenda. Or join in as an individual, couple, or family. Please come.



Register here to receive a Zoom link (which will also be resent immediately before the event): [CLICK HERE](#)



Annual Golf Tournament
Friday - September 13, 2024

Oak Hollow Golf Course
3400 N. Centennial Street
High Point, NC 27265

Registration 8 am Announcements @ 8:45 Shotgun Start at 9 am Lunch follows round

Single Entry Fee \$65 includes Green Fee, Cart Fee, Practice Range, Lunch, One Mulligan.
Four person team \$250 includes above at a reduced price

Golf Hole Sponsors - Includes signage on the golf course the day of the event advertising the sponsorship.
\$500 Ministry Partner Sponsor - includes prominent listing and signage at course
\$150 Business Sponsor - includes listing and signage on course
\$100 Personal Sponsor - In memory/honor, individual/family sponsors - includes signage on course

Sponsor Registration
Sponsor level (check one) Ministry \$500 Business \$150 Personal \$100
Company: _____
Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____
Telephone # _____ **Email** _____

Golfer Registration
1. Name: _____
2. Name: _____
3. Name: _____
4. Name: _____

Call or text Greg Creed at 336-803-0385 or email at pastor@concordfriends.com

Prizes - Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive - First, Second, and Third place teams

Entry Deadline is September 5, 2024

Make check payable to: Concord Friends - Golf Tournament
Mail to: Concord Friends Meeting
5000 Old Randleman Road
Greensboro, North Carolina 27406
Online registration and payment at <https://concordfriends.com/golf-tournament/>

YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY GATHERING

Richmond IN Sept 20-22

A Time for fun and fellowship: Worship, food, games, and hanging out. Different places to stay available

1840 SW E Street, Richmond, IN, 47374

5pm Friday to 2pm Sunday
Free to attend!

Hosted By:
Western Yearly Meeting
Wilmington Yearly Meeting
New Association of Friends

For more Info
989-307-9847

tom.s@westernyearlymeeting.org

Register Here!



FIBC Food Security Project 2024 - Report 3

DISTRIBUTING FOOD ITEMS IN THE COMMUNITY OF KELLHUANI

By Sara Ticona, a young adult Friend volunteer



Families of the community Kellhuani make a living by raising llamas

On Friday, June 28 we distributed food in the community of Kellhuani. Early in the morning we began with uploading the food such as rice, sugar and oil on a big car. All food was purchased from the city of El Alto for this community. The indigenous authorities of this community helped us in the whole process of this distribution day. For example, they made sure that the food items arrived in a good condition to the community of Kellhuani.

There were three young volunteers to travel to this community. After we finished uploading the food items, we took a different public transportation to get to the community of Chachacumani, which is the nearest town to the community of Kellhuani. One of the local authorities named Wilfredo joined us for this trip to rural area. And after two hours of traveling we finally arrived to this town in order to take a car to Kellhuani, which is located on top of a low mountain. Kellhuani is a rather cold and dry place. The houses there are a little distance from each other. It has a small soccer field and a small elementary school. Local people make a living by raising llamas and growing potatoes. Last year it was hard for them due to the potato crop failure in the highlands.

Some of the families were already gathered when we got there. They greeted us with welcoming words, happy that we reached out to their community with this help to sustain their families. Once most of the families gathered, we started with a distribution program. First, we introduced ourselves. Second, we read a letter from FIBC stating the importance of helping with food to their community. Next, we had a brief worship service of gratitude to God for all food items. After that, we sang two songs and one of the volunteers shared the word of God with the families by reading a Bible passage. During the reading time we gave the families small flyers with the word of God, too. Finally, we ended the program with a prayer.



Local people gathered early

Then the families of the community, in gratitude, brought "aphapi", which consists of each person bringing some food to share in small typical blankets. These blankets are put on the ground with the food. To me, the good thing about an aphapi is that it is like a buffet so everyone gets whatever they want and the amount they want. But to the locals the aphapi makes it possible for everyone to have some food because everyone takes what they need, but no more.

After the lunch with an aphapi was over, we began with distribution. We called each family according to the family list. We verified their identity card before each family received 25 pounds of sugar, 25 pounds of rice and 5 liters of oil. That day, 36 families benefited from the food security project, a total of 109 adults and children. The families were very happy and grateful for the food items given to them. Also, one of the local women from the community expressed her gratitude for hearing the word of God in that place. And when it was time to say goodbye, they sent many greetings and blessings to the Quaker brothers and sisters who made the help with the food items possible.

I am very grateful to God for being part of the volunteering team. For me, every time I learn something new as I go to do this volunteering work. Local people are so grateful for getting this type of support for their families. Also, for me it is a blessing to be a volunteer because I am getting to know new places, getting to know how families live in these far communities, and how difficult life can be because of the drought in the highlands. All of these experiences help me to be more grateful for the things God gave me. I feel happy doing this work since it is both helping others and bringing them the word of God, which is the most important thing to share as we reach out with love to the families in these communities. I am really grateful to Friends who support this project. May God bless you greatly!



Families most in need were the beneficiaries in the community of Kellhuani

NC USFW Fall Annual Registration

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Archdale Friends Meeting



Dr. Lydia Grapine, is a retired principal and university lecturer. She has served on a number of Jamaica Yearly Meeting committees, including the position of Presiding Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and Clerk of the Jamaica USFW. Presently she is the Presiding Clerk of the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Council Meeting, and also the Presiding Clerk and Pastor of Cascade Friends Church. Widowed, a mother of four, grandmother of five and great grandmother of one.

Please join us to hear Lydia's story about Quakers in Jamaica and the work being done with the Jamaican Vacation Bible School summer program.

9:00 – 10:00 am Registration and Bookstore with light refreshments

10:00 am – 12 noon Welcome, Music, Program and Business

12:00 noon Luncheon – catered lunch @ \$15.00 each

If you have questions contact Sherry Hylton 336-339-8058 or sbhylton3@yahoo.com

NC USFW Fall Conference at ARCHDALE FRIENDS MEETING,

114 Trindale Road, Archdale

Please complete and mail by September 1, 2024

Name(s) _____

Meeting _____

Number of lunches at **\$15.00 each** _____ Total \$ _____

Please attach this form with check written to USFW and mail to: Becky Coltrane
303 Weston Woods Circle
Trinity NC 27370

From Belize City, Nikki Holland writes:



Dear Friends,

Our time in Belize has come to an end. And all I can say is . . . thank you.

I spent five years as the director of Friends United Meeting's ministries in Belize and another six months there as a chaplain. Through my family's fundraising trips, our entry to Belize, the pandemic, the unexpected expansion of my family . . . through changes at school, the growth of the church, and the humanitarian efforts of our community center . . . through trips to the U.S.A. and your trips to Belize and changes in my job and ministry . . . through innumerable joys and concerns and the many forms our ministry took . . . you were always there for me and for all of us Friends in Belize. You empowered all of it. Thank you. As Oscar often says, "Thanks a million!"

As I leave Belize, the church is growing from week to week under the leadership of Oscar and Miriam Mmbali; the school has just graduated the biggest class in several years, as our dear principal Frank Tench bids us farewell; and the center is partnering with many other organizations with help from our own Athina Major! The Belize Friends community is transitioning in many ways and though transitions are never completely smooth, I am leaving so impressed by the vision and energy these leaders bring to our community. What more could I ask for?

[CLICK HERE](#) to read all of Nikki's final field staff newsletter.



Dear Roger,

On behalf of Friends United Meeting, I wanted to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible donation. Your support will make a significant impact on our organization's mission to promote peace, justice, and equality around the world.

Your donation will be distributed among various funds, including Belize Friends School, Samburu Friends Mission, Cuba General, Friends Theological College, Ramallah Friends School, Turkana Friends Mission, Africa General, Solidarity Fund, Nikki Holland, and Lugulu Hospital. Each fund represents a unique cause that aligns with our vision of creating positive change in communities worldwide.

We truly appreciate your thoughtful generosity. Your contribution will provide crucial resources, support education, healthcare, and social initiatives, and empower individuals and communities.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable contribution. We are honored to have you as part of our Friends United Meeting family.

Warm regards,
Kelly Kellum
Friends United Meeting

Excerpts from:

SOME FRUITS OF SOLITUDE

Proverbs, Wisdom & Principles for Better Living

By: William Penn

NEW!



Quotes on "Personal Cautions":

296- Despise nobody, nor no condition; lest it come to be thine own.

297- Never rail nor taught. The one is rude, the other scornful, and both evil.

300- Haste makes work which caution prevents.

304- It is well to cure, but better to prevent. The first shows more skill, but the last more wisdom.

306- Refuse not to be informed: for that shows pride or stupidity.

308- Neither despise, nor oppose, what thou dost not understand.

QUAKER

QUESTIONS

NEW!



Taken from "Questions Quakers are Asking"

By: Seth B. Hinshaw

Checks and Balances:

As indicated elsewhere in these studies, no one is infallible. Individuals, both inside and outside the society of friends, have tried to justify conduct incompatible with the teachings of Jesus. Checks and balances are needed. Friends have been wise in selecting such tests:

1. Reasonableness and Clear Thinking:

The possibility of being mistaken is ever with us, and our Quaker honesty keeps us searching diligently for the truth.

2. The Bible:

When something is not in keeping with the spirit and teaching of Jesus, it should be examined further.

3. The Worshiping Fellowship:

Friends insist that group wisdom is needed. For this reason a meeting for business begins with worship and continues in a spirit of worship. The ideal is finding unity in truth as revealed by the Holy Spirit.

Meet our Missions

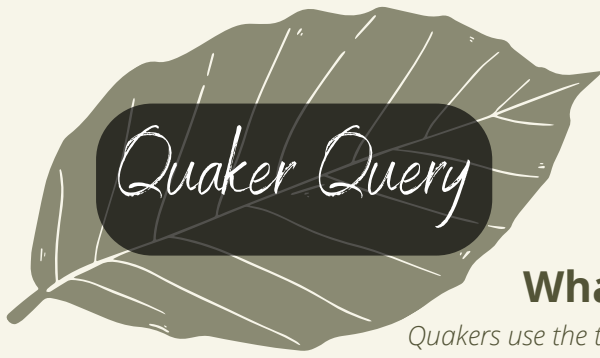
Belize



Historically, FUM's work in Belize focused primarily on providing a second-chance education option for urban at-risk youth on the verge of failing within their school system. Founded by Sadie Vernon in 1994, the Belize Friends School gives boys and girls the encouragement, tools and instruction needed to succeed, all within a loving, Christian environment. Now under the leadership of Belizean educators, the school continues to impact the lives of students and their families.

More recently, a new and expanded vision for Belize has emerged and begun to bear good fruit. A large new facility allows for the growth of the school and the launch of new types of community-based ministries. With a church planting pastor now on-site, a multi-generational worshipping community of Christ-followers is starting to flourish and consider how they are being called to minister within the Southside of Belize City. Programs for teaching peace and conflict resolution, literacy education for adults, and police-community mediation are increasingly integral to the mission presence of Friends in Belize.

To see the most recent update on Belize [CLICK HERE.](#)



...for August

What is a "Quaker Query"?

Quakers use the term Query to refer to a question or series of questions used for reflection and in spiritual exercises. Friends have used Queries as tools for offering spiritual challenges to the community for much of their history.

Consider this...

-How does our meeting join with other local faith communities in worship, in spiritual dialogue and in social action?

-What does our meeting do to support and improve public education?

-Do I fulfill my civic responsibilities when they do not conflict with divine leading?

Social Media

Comm-Tech Committee Statement

Hello from your FCNC Comm-Tech Committee!

Many members within FCNC are still unaware that we have a newsletter!

The best way for Friends to stay up to date and aware of news & events is to get connected.

There are 3 great ways to do that:

- 1) subscribe to *Bearing Fruit* (click [HERE](#))
- 2) follow FCNC's Facebook Page (click [HERE](#))
- 3) join FCNC's Facebook group (click [HERE](#))

Social Media isn't for everyone, and we completely understand, so that's where "Bearing Fruit" is a great option.

But what about those in our Meetings who still haven't heard about or seen the newsletter?

That's where YOU come in!

Pastors, announce to your congregations on Sundays.

Friends, ask your friends if they've seen the newsletter.

Committee leaders, consider printing off copies to hand out to those who are less likely to use technology.

Together, we can get the word out! Thank you for your help

Click here to send me an e-mail
jenny@friendschurchnc.org

June RECAP

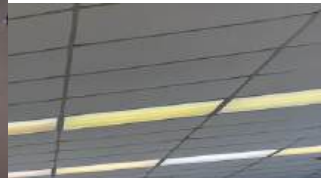
Visit to Nahunta Friends Meeting

As Superintendent, Mike Wall visited with Nahunta Friends near Goldsboro to discuss their possible joining with FCNC. This is the group that gathered to talk. It was a great experience!



Archdale Friends 100 year Celebration

CONGRATULATIONS to Archdale Friends Meeting



Southern Quarter Revival

Mike Wall attended Southern Quarter Revival at Bethel Friends.
Monday night, July 8th Randy Quate preached.
Ray Luther, pastor, Marlboro presided:

